

## EDITORIAL

I OFTEN GET the strong feeling that I should not make projections on what is going to happen in the future. I know that if I checked back on projections I have made, I would find my forecasting ability is dismal. This issue is a good example. In my editorial for the previous issue I said that this issue was about ready for typesetting and should be out by the end of "this" year, "this" referring to 1984. One of our budget problems interfered. State of Hawaii regulations require that the full amount of money needed to publish an issue be on deposit before the issue goes to press. The first issue of this volume required a bit over half the yearly funds made available for each year by the University, and so it was necessary to hold this issue until the needed funds were in hand before the press could start to work.

We feel that we have found a way around this problem. In the future we will try to limit each issue to 120 pages. This would enable us to keep within our budget for each volume. Asian Perspectives Hawaii, Inc., has a modest amount of money in hand and will "buy" in advance the number of issues needed to provide the required minimum balance in the bank to go to press. This is obviously not a permanent solution but it should help us to get back to schedule. We will be scheduling three issues a year to go to press for at least two years. We will also combine years in one volume, at no disadvantage to subscribers. Volume 25 will be dated on the cover 1982-1983 and probably Volume 26 will be dated 1984-1985.

In my previous editorial I mentioned tentative support for a special issue of *AP*. There has been considerable development with this issue but there are still one or two minor problems. I can say that if arrangements already made work out, the issue will be on Indonesian archaeology, will be supported from Indonesia, and will constitute either Volume 26, no. 1 or 27, no. 1, depending on when we have the copy in hand.

The second half of Volume 26 will be a detailed index of the first 25 volumes. Depending on its size, and the size of 26(1), there may or may not be papers in addition to the index. Starting in the near future we will be running many more book reviews. With the assistance of Robert Albert, our new Assistant Editor, we have reorganized our book review procedures so that the reviews will appear more quickly as well as in considerably increased number.

Some of the papers in this issue go back a long way. The summary by Neil Jamieson of a geological paper on Viet Nam, while written recently, resulted from his full translation of the original article in Vietnamese by Nguyen Duc Tam, made in the early 1970s. We received a grant from the Asian Studies Program of the University of Hawaii to support the translation and would like to acknowledge the grant and thank them. While in a thanking mood, I should also thank the Social Science Research Institute of the University of Hawaii for my continuing quarter-time appointment as

Editor of *AP* and Ms. Freda Hellinger, Editor for the Institute, for her assistance in cleaning up some of the papers for publication. A primary fault she often has to correct is the references which have not been done in *AP* style and *have not been double spaced*. Authors please take note. Information for contributors will be found on the inside back cover of each issue.

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